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SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY PURCHASES: SUBMARINES

REF: SEOUL 329

1. IN CONVERSATION JANUARY 17 WITH UNDER SECRETARY MAW, MND SUH JYONG-CHUL INDICATED THAT IN ADDITION TO EXOCET MISSILE ROKS INTENDED TO PROCEED WITH PURCHASE OF SMALL 500 TON BRITISH SUBMARINES. RATIONALE FOR THIS BASED ON MILITARY NECESSITY AND FACT THAT UNITED STATES DID NOT HAVE SMALL SUBS REQUIRED. UNDER SECRETARY ACKNOWLEDGED LATTER POINT, SAID THAT US MILITARY APPARENTLY AGREED THAT THERE WAS FUTURE REQUIREMENT AND CONCLUDED THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD NOT PRESENT REAL PROBLEM. UNDER SECRETARY DID NOT COMMENT ON KEY QUESTIONS OF OTHER ROK NAVAL PRIORITIES AND TIMING OF SUB PURCHASES.

2. OTHERWISE SUH CONVERSATION COVERED NO NEW GROUND. DISCUSSION OF EXOCET/HARPOON QUESTION FOLLOWED SAME LINES AS UNDER SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH PRIMIN REPORTED REFTEL.  
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